



Docket No.: 50427-729

*P. D. Lawrence*  
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12/16/02  
**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Hidetaka OSAWA, et al. :  
Serial No.: 09/781,224 : Group Art Unit: 1743  
Filed: February 13, 2001 : Examiner: GORDON, Brian R.  
For: PIPETTING APPARATUS AND A METHOD OF PIPETTING A LIQUID

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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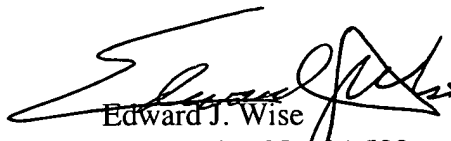
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2002, now due to expire September 24, 2002, be extended for three month(s) and set to expire on December 24, 2002.

Please charge the extension fee of \$920.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

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